Minutes of Regular Board Meeting Monday, August 23, 2021 Board of Trustees Katy Independent School District

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Katy Independent School District was held on **Monday**, **August 23**, **2021** in the Board Room of the Katy ISD Education Support Complex, 6301 South Stadium Lane, Katy, Texas, 77494. Public access to the free Livestream of the Regular Meeting was made available through the Katy ISD Board meeting Livestream link. The following Board members were present: Greg Schulte, Lance Redmon, Dawn Champagne, Rebecca Fox, Duke Keller, Ashley Vann and Leah Wilson.

1. Call to Order

At 4:01 p.m. Board President Greg Schulte opened the meeting.

2. Closed Meeting

Board President Greg Schulte announced that the Board was convening in Closed Meeting as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Section 551.001 et seq. concerning the sections and purposes listed below. The Board then adjourned to Closed Meeting.

- 2.1 <u>Consultation with Board's attorney</u>. (Texas Government Code 551.071: For the purpose of a private consultation with the Board's attorney on any or all subjects or matters authorized by law; and Texas Government Code 551.129: For the purpose of a private consultation with the Board's attorney by telephone conference call.)
- 2.2 <u>Discuss safety/security update</u>. (Texas Government Code 551.076: To consider the deployment, or specific occasions for implementation, of security personnel or devices; or a security audit.)

3. Reconvene from Closed Meeting

The Board reconvened into Open Meeting at 5:00 p.m. Board President Greg Schulte called the meeting to order. Dr. Gregorski verified that the provisions of Section 551.001 et seq. of the Texas Government Code were met in accordance with the public notice of the meeting.

4. Pledges of Allegiance

Sergeant Howard of the Katy ISD Police Department, led the pledges of allegiance.

5. Open Forum

Lee Nelson spoke regarding support of implementing mask mandates.

Jenny Alexander spoke regarding support of not implementing mask mandates.

Vishalaxi Magdum spoke regarding Covid-19 testing.

Claudia Turcott spoke regarding Covid-19 protocols and support of not implementing mask mandates.

Sean Dolan spoke regarding use of ESSER funds for mental health services.

Brittney Weibling spoke regarding Covid-19 protocols and support of not implementing mask mandates.

Jennifer Skelton spoke regarding the effects of Covid-19 and support of implementing mask mandates.

Derick Smith spoke regarding Covid-19 protocols.

Bonnie Anderson spoke regarding Covid-19 protocols and Constitutional rights.

Billy Lowery spoke regarding Covid-19 protocols and support of not implementing mask mandates.

6. Closed Meeting

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- 6.1 <u>Consultation with Board's attorney</u>. (Texas Government Code 551.071: For the purpose of a private consultation with the Board's attorney on any or all subjects or matters authorized by law; and Texas Government Code 551.129: For the purpose of a private consultation with the Board's attorney by telephone conference call.)
- 6.2 <u>Discuss and consider Board approval of the purchase of property for a future elementary school</u>. (Texas Government Code 551.072: For the purpose of discussing the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the governmental body in negotiations with a third person.)

7. Reconvene from Closed Meeting

The Board reconvened into Open Meeting at 6:47 p.m. Board President Greg Schulte called the meeting to order.

7.1 Consider Board approval of the purchase of property for a future elementary school. Moved by Lance Redmon seconded by Leah Wilson that the Board of Trustees enters into an agreement to purchase from Heritage Park Management, LLC an approximate 5-acre parcel of property for a future elementary school for a total acquisition cost estimated not to exceed \$699,138.00.

Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.

8. Action Items

8.1 <u>Consider Board adoption of the local policies included in Board Policy Update 117</u>. Moved by Lance Redmon seconded by Ashley Vann that the Board of Trustees adopts the local policies included in Board Policy Update 117.

Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.

8.2 <u>Consider Board approval of the minutes of the July Board meeting</u>. Moved by Dawn Champagne seconded by Ashley Vann that the Board of Trustees approves the minutes of the Board meeting held in July, 2021.

Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.

9. Public Hearing

- 9.1 <u>Presentation of the 2021-2022 Proposed Budget and Tax Rate</u>. Mr. Christopher J. Smith, Chief Financial Officer, presented.
- 9.2 <u>Receive public input regarding the 2021-2022 Proposed Budget and Tax Rate</u>. No individuals signed up to speak.

10. Discussion/Action

10.1 <u>Discuss and consider Board approval of the proposed 2020-2021 final amended budget.</u>
Mr. Christopher J. Smith, Chief Financial Officer, presented. Moved by Ashley Vann seconded by Lance Redmon that the Board of Trustees approves the 2020-2021 final amended budget for the Katy Independent School District.

Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.

10.2 <u>Discuss and consider Board approval of a resolution to commit and assign fund balance.</u>

Mrs. Anne Faichtinger, Executive Director of Finance, presented. Moved by Ashley Vann seconded by Dawn Champagne that the Board of Trustees approves the resolution to commit and assign fund balance.

Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.

10.3 Discuss and consider Board approval of the 2021-2022 State Compensatory Education funding and other End-of- Course Assessment funding budget, as required by House Bill 5. Mrs. Sharri Butterfield, Director of Budget and Treasury, presented. Moved by Lance Redmon seconded by Dawn Champagne that the Board of Trustees approves the 2021-2022 State Compensatory Education funding and other End-of-Course Assessment funding budget, as required by House Bill 5.

Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.

10.4 <u>Discuss and consider Board approval of the proposed 2021-2022 Official Budget for Katy Independent School District</u>. Mrs. Sharri Butterfield, Director of Budget and Treasury, presented. Moved by Ashley Vann seconded by Lance Redmon that the Board of Trustees adopts the 2021-2022 Official Budget for Katy Independent School District.

Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.

10.5 <u>Discuss and consider Board approval of the June 2021 Financial Reports.</u> Mrs. Anne Faichtinger, Executive Director of Finance, presented. Moved by Ashley Vann seconded by Leah Wilson that the Board of Trustees approves the District's June 2021 financial reports.

Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.

10.6 <u>Discuss and consider Board approval for the purchase of major software support services annual renewals for the 2021 - 2022 school year.</u> Mr. Joe Christoffersen, Director, Technology Operations and Infrastructure, presented. Moved by Dawn Champagne seconded by Ashley Vann that the Board of Trustees approves the renewal of software support services above \$250,000 for the 2021 - 2022 school year. The total budgeted amount is \$3,980,441. The funding for these services is part of the previously approved General Operating Fund (GOF).

Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.

10.7 <u>Discuss and consider Board approval of the TASB Risk Management Fund Inter-Local Participation Agreement for the administration of workers' compensation claims for 2021-2022</u>. Mr. Lance Nauman, Director of Risk Management, presented. Moved by Ashley Vann seconded by Lance Redmon that the Board of Trustees approves the Interlocal Participation Agreement for the administration of workers' compensation claims with TASB Risk Management Fund for the period September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2022.

Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.

10.8 <u>Discuss and consider Board approval of the proposal for the renewal of the Excess Workers' Compensation Insurance Policy.</u> Mr. Lance Nauman, Director of Risk Management, presented. Moved by Lance Redmon seconded by Dawn Champagne that the Board of Trustees approves the renewal of the Excess Workers' Compensation Reinsurance Policy offered by Mid-West Casualty Company with a \$550,000 specific retention for and estimated deposit premium of \$125,863.00.

Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.

10.9 <u>Discuss and consider Board approval of the Voluntary Benefit products for Plan Year 2022</u>. Mr. Lance Nauman, Director of Risk Management, presented. Moved by Ashley Vann seconded by Lance Redmon that the Board of Trustees approves the Voluntary Benefit products for Plan Year 2022.

Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.

10.10 <u>Discuss and consider Board approval of the 2021-2022 Health Plan.</u> Mr. Lance Nauman, Director of Risk Management, presented. Moved by Lance Redmon seconded by Leah Wilson that the Board of Trustees approves the proposed plan design and premiums for Plan Year 2022.

Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.

10.11 <u>Discuss and consider Board approval of the 2021-2024 Builders Risk Program - For Projects related to the 2021 Bond.</u> Mr. Lance Nauman, Director of Risk Management, presented. Moved by Dawn Champagne seconded by Duke Keller that the Board of Trustees approves the proposal for Builders Risk as submitted by USI for projects related to the 2021 Bond for the period August 1, 2021 to July 31, 2024 with AIG as the designated insurance carrier.

Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.

10.12 <u>Discuss and consider approval of the District Performance Objectives.</u> Ms. Natalie Martinez, Executive Director of School Improvement, presented. Moved by Lance Redmon seconded by Ashley Vann that the Board of Trustees approves the District Performance Objectives.

Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.

10.13 <u>Discuss and consider Board approval of the Remote Homebound Instruction Wavier</u>.

Dr. Gwen Coffey, Executive Director for Special Education, presented. Move by Ashley Vann seconded by Lance Redmon that the Board of Trustees approves the waiver for Remote Instruction.

Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.

10.14 <u>Discuss and consider Board approval of the plat for the Katy Independent School District's northwest facility which includes High School #10, Junior High School #18, Elementary School #45, and the new Northwest Transportation Center.</u> Ms. Lisa Kassman, Executive Director of Facilities, Planning, and Construction, presented. Moved by Lance Redmon seconded by Leah Wilson that the Board of Trustees approves the plat for the Katy Independent School District's northwest facility which includes High School #10, Junior High School #18, Elementary School #45, and the new Northwest Transportation Center.

Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.

10.15 <u>Discuss and consider Board approval of a contract for design services associated with the renovations at the Miller Career and Technology Center.</u> Ms. Lisa Kassman, Executive Director of Facilities, Planning, and Construction, presented. Moved by Dawn Champagne seconded by Ashley Vann that the Board of Trustees awards a contract to Stantec Architecture for the design services associated with the renovations at the Miller Career and Technology Center.

Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.

10.16 <u>Discuss and consider Board approval of the change in evaluation of criteria for civil works projects.</u> Ms. Lisa Kassman, Executive Director of Facilities, Planning, and Construction, presented. Moved by Dawn Champagne seconded by Ashley Vann that the Board of Trustees approves the change in evaluation of criteria for civil works projects.

Motion passed by a 7 to 0 vote.

11. Information Items

- 11.1 <u>Certification of Anticipated Tax Collection Rates for 2021-2022</u>. Board President Greg Schulte announced that the Board was provided information regarding the Certification of Anticipated Tax Collection Rates for 2021-2022.
- 11.2 <u>2021 Appraisal District Budgets</u>. Board President Greg Schulte announced that the Board was provided a copy of the 2021 Appraisal District Budgets.
- 11.3 <u>Donated Items to Katy Independent School District.</u> Board President Greg Schulte announced that the Board was provided a copy of the donated items to Katy ISD.
- 11.4 <u>Recap of Board Members' Requests for Information.</u> Board Secretary Dawn Champagne read the Board members requests for additional information.
 - Mr. Smith to provide PDF of his 2021-2022 Proposed Budget and Tax Rate presentation.
 - Ms. Natalie Martinez to provide measurable goals for the District Performance Objectives.
 - Mr. Nauman to create communication to go out to employees regarding changes to 2021-2022 Health Plan.

12. Future Meeting

- 12.1 <u>Special Board Meeting Team Building Workshop.</u> Board President Greg Schulte announced that the Board will hold a Special Board Meeting Team Building Workshop on Monday, September 13, 2021.
- 12.2 <u>Regular Board Meeting</u>. Board President Greg Schulte announced that the Board will hold a Regular Board Meeting on Monday, September 27, 2021.

13. Adjournment

Board President Greg Schulte adjourned the meeting at 8:26 p.m.

Greg Schulte President, Board of Trustees Dawn Champagne Secretary, Board of Trustees

Approved: September 27, 2021